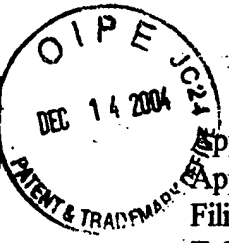


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AMENDMENT

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. In response to the final Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicant respectfully requests that the three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action be extended by three-months until December 10, 2004. A three-month Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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